

THE MACKEREL SEASON OF 1905.

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The mackerel season, although many of the fleet are still out on the fishing grounds, can, at this stage of the season, and it is now getting so late, be fairly classed in the same scale as last year, and that season was admittedly a failure as far as the catch is concerned. Thus far this season the catch has been a little over 26,000 barrels, but 2500 barrels better than last year, as far as the salt mackerel is concerned. The catch of fresh mackerel is also a little better than last year, but not enough to show any great improvement.

The price, on both the salted and fresh fish, has ruled higher than last year. Also the catch has been more divided up, that is, more of the fleet has figured in what good money there has been made than last year, when practically a few of the crafts got the major share of the season's work of the whole fleet.

This year the catch out south, while fair, was not up to some recent years, and while everything pointed to a big year for the netters, even these boats fell below the average.

The Cape Shore salt catch was a big one; one of the largest for years and following this some big hauls were made to the southward and on Georges, but the mackerel season since the last of July has been practically dead with the exception of a few little spurts and the fleet, since then has done practically nothing.

No fish have been showing in the Bay of Fundy and not a trip has been taken on the Maine coast. On this shore and in Boston bay, beyond a few barrels of tinkers caught, no fish have been seen and nothing has been done. Some of the fleet, including some of our best skippers, have been discouraged and have already hauled up.

All this dry time, since the last of July, fish in big schools have been showing on the Rips, but it is impossible to catch them and vessels have tried them for days at a time without success. On Georges, the northern part, for several days now, lots of fish have shown, more fish, some of the skippers say than they have seen at any time this season, but it is almost impossible to catch them. A few comparatively, have been stopped, but not enough to speak of.

So, taken as a whole, the season has been a poor one, and the present price for large salt-mackerel, \$25 per barrel out of the vessel, needs only be quoted to show how few there are coming in at present and how badly they are wanted.

The only redeeming feature of the season seems to be the presence all along the coast, from Matineus to Block Island and even on Georges, of lots of schools of tinkers, fish going from 350 to 500 to a salted barrel. Some catches of these have been made and the small boats out around Block Island are looking for a good season on them this fall. The skippers and fishermen all see the appearance of the tinkers so widely spread, a good sign and claim that next year will be a great mackerel season. They say that they never knew it to fall that of late years when tinkers appear as they have this season that the next year following will be a great mackerel year. Certain it is, this season has been a poor one as far as a big mackerel catch is concerned and all hope that the prediction for next season will come true.

The sight of good vessels and first-class skippers hauling out of mackerel seining in early September tells how blue is the prospect, but the fact is that captains and men are discouraged. They are not making anything

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and it, and they have to go of business, where there is making a dollar.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Monitor, seining, 803 fresh tinker mackerel in count.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Georges, 10 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
Sch. Constellation, Georges, 147 bbls. salt large mackerel, 3 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.
Sch. Corsair, seining.
Sch. Ralph Russell, Middle Bank, 70 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
Sch. William H. Cross, pollocking.
Sch. Jennie Gilbert, shore.
Sch. Alena L. Young, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.12-2 for large, \$3.62 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.50; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.12 1-2; medium do, \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.10; all other fresh haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Outside sales fresh pollock, 85 cts. per cwt. Fresh halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. for gray.

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Boston.

Sch. Monarch, 35,000 haddock, 500 cod, 16,000 hake.
Sch. Fame, 40,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 2000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Vista, 1000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.30 to \$2; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50.

Mackerel Notes.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 28,468 barrels, against 27,596 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 46,147 barrels against 46,222 barrels at this time last year.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, arrived from Georges this morning with a good fare, 147 barrels of salt mackerel of the largest kind, caught recently to the northward of the Cultivator. Capt. Morgan also got round two other good schools, but had the misfortune to part his purse line both times.

As the price of large salt mackerel is way up among the clouds the Constellation will make a big stock off her trip.

Sch. Monitor, is here this morning, had 800 fresh mackerel in count.

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THE HERRING SITUATION.

Newfoundland Cabinet Considering What Action to Take

A ST. JOHN'S DESPATCH SAYS

American Vessels Will Probably Secure Cargoes as Formerly.

From the wording of a press dispatch from St. John's, N. F., it seems probable that American vessels will have little or no difficulty in getting herring cargoes at Bay of Islands this winter. The dispatch reads as follows:

"The Colonial cabinet is now seriously considering what attitude it shall adopt regarding American vessels seeking herring cargoes on the west coast during the winter.

"Premier Bond is now in England and is endeavoring to induce the Imperial cabinet to agree to uphold the colony in its policy of excluding Americans, but it is unlikely that the negotiations will reach a final stage in time to deal with the coming fishery season.

"It is probable, therefore, that American vessels will be permitted to procure herring during the winter on the same terms as previously, so as to admit of the whole question being considered for next year."

Although this dispatch does not state definitely that American vessels can procure herring this fall and winter as formerly, still, coming from St. John's, N. F., the seat of the Newfoundland government, there is probably considerable ground for the statements contained in the article.

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Sch. Lilian, Block Island, 40 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
Sch. Meteor, Banks, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Margie Smith, seining, 7 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Veda M. McKown, Provincetown.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, shore.
Sch. Esther Cary, pollocking.
Sch. J. W. Bradley, pollocking.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, pollocking.
Sch. Emma W. Brown, pollocking.

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Sch. Yankee, 30,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 1500 hake.
 Sch. William A. Morse, 10,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Sea Fox, 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 hake, 10,000 pollock.
 Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 500 haddock, 500 cod, 20,000 pollock.
 Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 4000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
 Sch. Laura Enos, 10,000 pollock.
 Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, 6 swordfish.
 Sch. Conqueror, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 11,000 hake.
 Sch. Priscilla, 1 swordfish.
 Sch. Rita A. Viator, 20,000 pollock.
 Sch. Alcina, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Ignatius Enos, 200 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 pollock.
 Sch. Marion, 500 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
 Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1; swordfish, 12 cts.; fresh tinker mackerel, 7 cts.
 Sch. W. H. Moody landed 4000 pounds of halibut at Portland on Saturday.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Sceptre, Hazel R. Hines and Puritan arrived at Canso on Friday.

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SCH. PURITAN TOTAL LOSS.

**Misstayd Yesterday Outside
Canso Harbor.**

CREW WERE ALL SAVED.

**Cap. Harding Severely Injured
in Leaving Sinking Craft.**

A despatch to the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company last evening says that sch. Puritan of this port went ashore off Canso, N. S., yesterday, and would probably prove a total loss.

Capt. Harding sustained severe injuries in getting away from the vessel. The crew, 16 in number, are being cared for by the United States consul, who will forward them to this city.

The Puritan at the time of the accident was engaged in salt codfishing and was bound out for the fishing grounds, having just come out of Canso, where she had been for bait. The craft misstayd, which was the cause of her going ashore. She is commanded by Capt. William Harding and was on her second trip.

The Puritan was 89.40 tons gross, 62.24 tons net, built at Essex in 1887, and owned by Cunningham & Thompson.

ANOTHER ADVANCE.

**Salt Bank Codfish Still Seem To
Be on the Rise.**

The fare of salt bank cod of sch. Gladstone of Provincetown sold to Pinkham & Foster at \$4.37 1-2 per hundred weight for large and \$3.75 for medium. This is the highest price of the season paid for a fare of salt bank cod.

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Sch. Frances P. Mesquill, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Lucania, Georges, 77 bbls. large salt mackerel, 53 bbls. salt tinker mackerel.
 Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, pollocking.
 Sch. Veteran, pollocking.
 Sch. Julietta, pollocking.
 Sch. Sarah, pollocking.
 Sch. Grace W. Hone, pollocking.
 Sch. A. C. Newhall, pollocking.
 Sch. Motor, shore.
 Sch. Mettacommet, pollocking.
 Sloop Ignatius Enos, pollocking.
 Sch. Slade Gorton, seining.
 Sch. Speculator, seining.
 Sch. Lucinda L. Lowell, seining.
 Sch. Harvard, seining.
 Sch. Olympia, Rips.

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Boston.

Sch. Moaniam, 48,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Mand M. Story, 4000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
 Sch. George E. Lan, Jr., 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.
 Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 7000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 37,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Braganza, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Thomas Brundage, 3000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
 Sch. Harvester, 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 10,300 pollock.
 Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 2500 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
 Sch. Benj. F. Philips, 60,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 7000 hake.
 Sch. Regina, 35,000 haddock.
 Sch. Frances Whalen, 50,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 pollock.
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 40,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 pollock.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, 50,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
 Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2000 hake, 600 pollock.
 Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$2; pollock, 90 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Ella M. Goodwin and Ella M. Morrisey baited at Stanley & Jellison's trap at Mount Desert Ferry, Me., on Saturday.
 Sch. A. Bliss, New York for Maine port.

GOOD PROSPECT THERE!

**Says Letter from Seiner Now in
North Bay.**

**Small Schools of Large Mackerel
Off Monhegan Yesterday.**

Some small schools of large mackerel were showing off Monhegan yesterday. One of the fishermen there with a drag seine got nine barrels of large fish at one haul. The fish sold to George Nelson at Boothbay Harbor at 19 cents each.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, is in Port from Georges this morning with a good haul, having 77 barrels of large salt mackerel and 53 barrels of salt tinker mackerel. Capt. Welch reports that the weather was and had been bad. On Sunday some tinkers were showing and some hauls were made. The Lucania left 11 sail of seiners there when she started for home Monday forenoon.

The fare of salt tinkers of sch. Lillian sold to Parmenter & Co. at \$18 per barrel for large and \$14 per barrel for small tinkers.

A letter from S. F. Maker, written at Souris, P. E. I., a few days ago, was received here yesterday, and says that the prospect is good for mackerel in North Bay. Sch. Priscilla Smith of this port has taken 45 barrels and the Maker had six barrels of large fish and four barrels of tinkers taken in one set of Souris.

One fisherman with hook and line took 175 mackerel off Provincetown on Saturday. Porgies are reported plenty in Boston bay.

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DRIVE FISH INSHORE.

**Effect of Big Gun Practice Off
Provincetown.**

**Fish Not Frightened and Do Not
Leave Vicinity.**

Some of the Provincetown people do not think that the big gun practice of the warships which has been going on off there for a week, has scared the fish off, but on the contrary believe that it has driven the fish inshore, and point to the fact that since it began the first business of the season have been taken, that mackerel have been jigged close in and that big schools of porgies and pollock are reported off there.

A Provincetown writer says: "In the light of the above facts it would appear that fish, if frightened, do not immediately leave the vicinity of gun firing, or if they do leave the immediate vicinity do not go far away at once after the firing begins. It is possible that a continuance of the thundering may eventually drive fishes from the bay, but that remains to be proved."

FLITCHED HALIBUT FLEET.

All But Two Vessels Have Now Arrived Home.

Sch. Lawrence A. Munroe, Capt. John Marshall, and sch. Blanche, Capt. Albert Flygore, two of the flitched halibut fleet, arrived home this morning from Bacalieu Bank, with small fares. As schs. Arkona and Admiral Dewey have previously arrived, only two of the fleet remain to arrive, schs. Atalanta and Arbutus, and they will probably be here in a few days. Thus far none of the fares have sold and it is understood that no offers have yet been made.